

REMARKS

1. Drawings:

The Applicant notes the Examiner's objection to drawing figure No. 7 as an exploded view which is not properly identified as such. Applicant submits herewith amended/corrected drawings in which figure No. 7 is properly labeled with brackets to indicate an exploded view.

2. Claims:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that claims 1-4, 7, 9-12, 14-19 and 21 are anticipated by Costa et al, US Patent Application No. 2004/0031899. Specifically, for example, claim 19 includes, describes and claims various rotational and frictionally restricted movements which are not described nor claimed in the Costa patent application ("the motion of at least one of said first plate or said second plate is limited to rotation around the central axis of said stand and whereby said rotation is frictionally restricted by said second joint.").

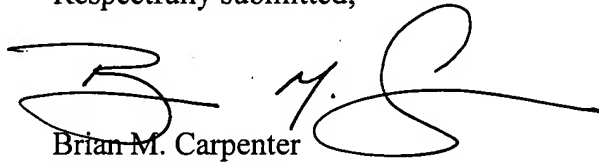
Anticipation requires that each and every element of the claimed invention be disclosed in the prior art reference. *Akzo N.V. v. United States Int'l Trade Comm'n*, 1 USPQ 1241, 1245 (Fe. Cir. 1987). The Costa application discloses only rotation of the clamping structure is pinned about an axis which is perpendicular to that of the connecting arm or linkage. (See Figs. 1-20 and Col. 4:60-65; 7:59-65). Applicant's invention, on the other hand, discloses and claims a motion wherein the clamping structure may pivot or indeed rotate about the axis of the connecting arm, or "stand."

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's statements and basis for rejection of said claims, Applicant concurrently herewith submits amended claims in order to clarify the desired movements of Applicant's invention. In so doing, Applicant renders moot the Examiner's subsequent rejections based on obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103.

3. Conclusion:

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests that such action be taken by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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